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John M. Eby et al.

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For: METHODS TO MAKE A SURFACE
COVERING HAVING A NATURAL
APPEARANCE

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Group Art Unit: 1732

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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REQUEST TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313, Applicants respectfully petition, via HAND DELIVERY, that this application be withdrawn from issuance to permit consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement that will be filed in a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The RCE and Information Disclosure Statement are concurrently filed with this Request.

The \$130.00 petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i), as well as the \$710.00 Request for Continued Examination fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 are enclosed. If any additional fees are necessary for the submission of this Request, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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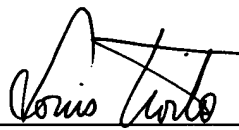
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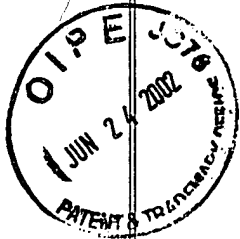
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